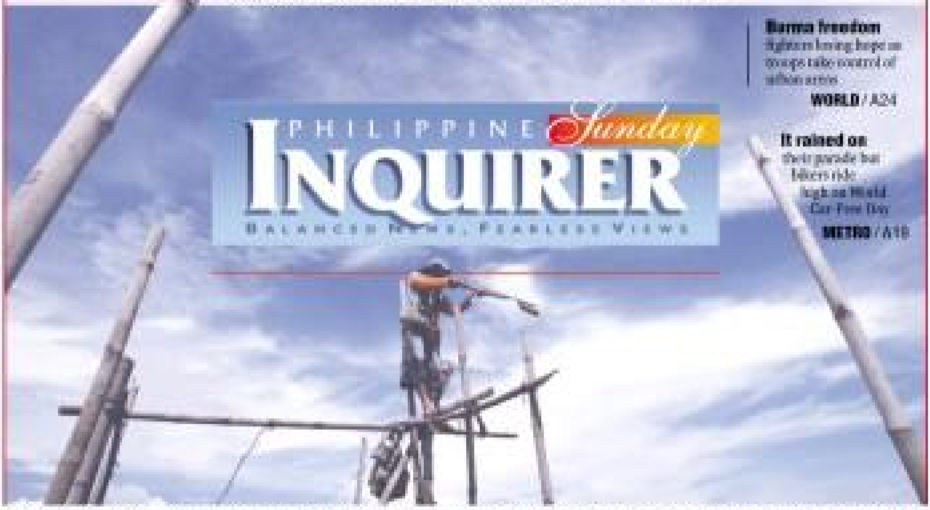
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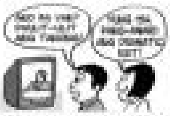
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Neri was ready to talk

But Joker in senators' executive session reportedly butted in

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, ROMULO NERI WAS "ON THE verge" of telling senators the rest of his explosive story on the supposed lobbying and bribery in the $329-million telecommunications deal with China's ZTE Corp. when an administration senator and a Cabinet member intervened, several Inquirer sources said yesterday.



Senators on NBN-ZTE probe telenovela: That's infotainment

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Senators are working–Villar

Defensive posture sparked by Joker criticism of NBN probe

STUNG BY CRITICISM THAT THE SENATE WAS SPENDING TOO MUCH time on its investigation of the controversial $329 million National Broadband Network (NBN) deal with China's ZTE Corp., Senate President Manuel Villar Jr. yesterday defended the upper chamber's legislative work, saying the NBN probe had not affected other Senate priorities.

Come visit, GMA tells United Nations chief

By Christine O. Avendaño

UPLB R & D Program on Jatropha and Biofuels

Luis Rey I. Velasco, Chancellor, University of the Philippines Los Baños and the UPLB R & D Teams on Jatropha and Biofuels

"Poor farmers should be given opportunities to benefit from the biofuel revolution as growing this biofuel crops generates additional employment and income."

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A MOST URGENT APPEAL TO OUR SENATORS

House Bill No. 2417, which seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections from October 29, 2007 to May 11, 2009, was approved on third and final reading by the House of Representatives nearly two weeks ago.

With utmost urgency, we appeal to our Senators to take a similar step—and approve a counterpart bill.

Postponement of the synchronized Barangay/SK polls, far from stifling grassroots democracy, will enhance grassroots participation in a meaningful way through reforms during the intervening period.

First, it will enable the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) to finally computerize voting and counting—the main safeguards against vote manipulation. The short breathing spell between last May's midterm and the scheduled October 29 Barangay/SK elections leaves us hardly enough time to adequately prepare for yet another nationwide political exercise.

Second, it will save a lot of money for the government, which has appropriated some P2 billion for the polls.

Third, it will save almost P400 million for the roughly 42,000 Barangays, each of which will share the cost of the elections, such as transportation allowance and honorarium for each of the Board of Election Tellers, on top of the incredible campaign expenses to the candidates.

Fourth, hopefully, the new date that may be set by the Senate and the House will lead to the holding of the synchronized Barangay/SK polls with the elections in 2008 of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), and to further savings by the government.

Fifth, we shall use the intervening period to initiate essential reforms in the Barangay system and rationalize the SK structure.

Sixth, hopefully, the postponed elections in 2008 will now be implemented by a new set of COMELEC officials, who will then be more prepared for undertaking COMELEC's mandate under the law to computerize the next elections.

We are racing against time.

To our senators we say, please give this **APPEAL** your most urgent and favorable consideration.

• League of Municipalities

• The Majority and Minority Coalitions, House of Representatives

RP needs more than 'amparo,' says HK group

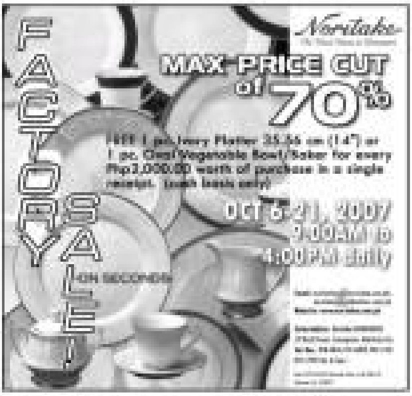
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General not so sick, says military

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Faithful hail Lorenzo Ruiz …

Senators on NBN-ZTE …




ANDAYA: Entered senators-only session


ARROYO: [illegible]


NERI: [illegible]

Neri was ready...

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"I think he tried to help" was how a source explained Arroyo's purported move.

On the phone last night, Arroyo denied that he had intervened.

"I cannot talk [about it] because we have an agreement that nothing discussed in the executive session will come out. But to intervene for Neri, no (I did not)," he said.

Asked if he had tried to prevent Neri from talking, Arroyo said, "That's terrible backbiting."

Arroyo ran under the administration ticket in the 2001 and 2007 elections. In the previous Senate he chaired the blue ribbon committee, which was accused by opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson of sitting on his appeal about the secret "Jose Pidal" accounts of the President's husband.

Senators' argument

After Arroyo's motion, Budget Secretary Rolando "Nonoy" Andaya Jr. entered the members-only Senators' Lounge, according to the Inquirer sources.

Andaya, who succeeded Neri in the budget department, came in supposedly to act as the latter's lawyer.

A source said the senators had an argument about the presence of Andaya, who, some insisted, should not be acting as Neri's lawyer because he was also a member of the Cabinet.

"It's hard to predict what he [Neri] was going to say but he was about to talk. I think it's the presence of Nonoy that stopped him," one source said.

Neri could not be reached for comment. Calls and text messages to his phone went unanswered.

On Wednesday, at the third hearing of three Senate committees looking into the National Broadband Network (NBN) project, Neri testified that Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos had offered him P200 million in exchange for approving the project. Abalos vehemently denied this at the same hearing.

In his testimony, Neri said he reported Abalos' bribe attempt to the President, who told him not to accept it.

But when the senators asked him one after the other what the President had instructed him to do about the project afterward, Neri invoked executive privilege.

The senators decided to invite him to an executive session.

Inside the Senators' Lounge, Neri began to experience chills, and by one observer's account, it might have been partly because he [illegible].

'He sat there'

The sources could not explain how Andaya got into the picture, but he was seen waiting at the Senate a few hours before the senators decided to take Neri to the executive session.

"[illegible] (He just arrived and sat there)," a source said.

The sources said Andaya told the senators not to press Neri to talk because the latter was sick.

"Then Andaya [illegible] Neri," a source said.

The Inquirer phoned Andaya at times yesterday but he did not respond. Andaya, a fellow Bicolano, was Arroyo's protégé in the House of Representatives.

But many senators also agreed that Neri should have been sent home because he was obviously sick, another source said.

The executive session was over in less than 30 minutes.

"There was no brouhaha," a source said, adding that Neri seemed to be wanting to tell the truth but "needs a little more prodding before he talks."

The source expressed the belief that Neri could eventually be persuaded to spill the beans.

Asked if Neri knew something that was damaging to the President, the source said: "Why would he invoke executive privilege if it's not damaging to the President?"

'Deathly afraid'

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. confirmed to the Inquirer that Neri said nothing during the executive session.

Pimentel said that was all he was going to say because he was bound by the rule prohibiting senators from disclosing any details about their executive sessions.

"I cannot deny the what else happened (inside) but it was obvious to me that Neri was sick. We allowed him to go because he was really sick," Pimentel said, adding:

"I think he was sick partly due to fear. It was obvious he was deathly afraid of what he was going to say; that's why he was shaking."

Pimentel said he did not hear Neri say that what he knew could lead to another people power revolt.

"This has nothing to do with our executive session, I am just analyzing what happened during the entire hearing. It seems to me that he is deathly scared of saying something that might provide the smoking gun on the involvement of the President or some other people [in the ZTE deal]. But that is just my speculation," Pimentel said.

Asked if he thought Neri would eventually talk, Pimentel said: "I think so. I have faith that he will talk.

"He is now an object of pity and scorn. He can resign, but I think he is more worried about his physical safety."

Neri's dilemma

Another source said Neri had no qualms about testifying on Abalos' supposed "bribe attempt."

"But his dilemma is whether he would talk about how he was pressured [by the President] to approve the contract," the source said.

Yet another source said Neri was summoned to Malacañang in the wee hours of April 20 to endorse the ZTE deal because the President was to leave for China on the following day to witness the signing of the contract.

On April 21, Transportation and Communications Secretary Leandro Mendoza and ZTE president Yu Yong signed the deal in China with the President as witness.

A source said Neri had told a friend that "what he will say will possibly cause the President's downfall."

The source said Neri, a hard-core technocrat, wanted reforms to result from his revelations. "He said that even if the NBN [deal] would be canceled, there are still many other projects [that can be the source of kickbacks]."

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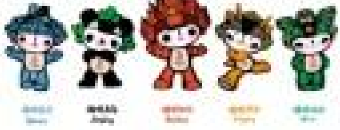
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4 clusters, press center with 2 hotels



Rings, motto, origins

776 BC



Mascots

Like the five Olympic rings from which they draw their color and inspiration, the *fuwa* (literally "Good-luck" dolls) will serve as the official mascots. They are *Beibei*, the fish; *Jingjing*, the panda; *Huanhuan*, the Olympic flame; *Yingying*, the Tibetan antelope; and *Nini*, the swallow.

When put together—*Bei, Jing, Huan, Ying, Ni*—they say "Beijing Welcomes You."

ISANG BUKAS NA LIHAM PARA SA PANGULO

Mahal na Pangulong Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo:

Sa mga nakalipas na panahon, ang Lalawigan ng Bulacan ay kinilala bilang isa sa pinakamatagumpay na pamahalaang lokal sa buong bansa. Malaking bahagi ng tagumpay na ito ay ang maayos na pag-uugnayan ng ating mga pinuno at ng ating kapulisan, na nagdulot ng magandang kalalagayan ng kaayusan at kapayapaan sa buong lalawigan.

Subalit sa ilang buwan na nakalipas, sa ilalim ng pamamahala ng bagong itinalagang Provincial Director ng Philippine National Police na si PS/Supt. Asher Dolina, ay labis po kaming nabahala at nalungkot sapagkat ayon sa opisyal na talaan ng PNP, ang Average Monthly Crime Rate (AMCR) sa lalawigan ay patuloy na tumataas, samantalang ang Crime Solution Efficiency ng PNP Bulacan ay patuloy namang bumababa. Simula Enero-Hunyo, 2007 ay biglang tumaas sa 3.86% ang aming crime rate, kumpara noong nakaraang taon na 2.96% lamang. Ngayon, sa ikatlong quarter ng taon, ang aming AMCR ay lalong tumaas sa 4.9%. Samantala, ang Crime Solution Efficiency naman ng PNP-Bulacan na noon ay nasa 86.05%, ay ngayo'y 71.30% na lamang. Patunay nito ang patuloy na pagdami ng mga iligal na pasugalan sa lalawigan, ang halos araw-araw na carnapping, at ang pagtaas ng insidente ng krimen sa iba't ibang bayan.

Gayundin, sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni PD Dolina, nalagay sa balag ng alanganin ang mga programang pang-kaayusan na kaytagal pinagtulungan ng Limang Haligi ng Katarungan sa Lalawigan. Kabilang na dito ang inobasyong aming pinasimulan hinggil sa Case Tracking on Illegal Drugs, na magmula ng natalaga si PS/Supt. Dolina sa Bulacan ay hindi na umusad pa, bagamat ilang taong pinaghirapan at pinagtulungan ng aming piskalya, mga hukom, at ng mga lokal na pamahalaan bago naupo si PS/Supt. Dolina.

Dagdag pa rito, si PS/Supt. Dolina ay naitalaga lamang sa Bulacan bunsod ng matapos na halalan noong nakaraang Mayo, subalit hindi dumaan sa ligal na proseso ng pagpili batay na rin sa isinasaad ng batas (Republic Act No. 6975) na nagbibigay-karapatan sa mga local chief executives na pumili ng kanilang Provincial Director mula sa listahang inirekomenda ng PNP. Taliwas sa layon ng batas, si PS/Supt. Dolina ay itinalaga ng PNP ng walang pahintulot mula sa aming pinuno ng lalawigan, na isang direktong pagwawalang-bahala sa awtonomiya ng mga lokal na pamahalaan, at sa karapatan ng mga Punong Lalawigan.

Dahil dito, magkahiwalay na resolusyon ang ipinasa ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Bulacan at ng League of Municipalities – Bulacan Chapter upang ipahayag ang kanilang pagnanais na mapalitan na si PD Dolina. Maging ang League of Provinces of the Philippines ay nagpahayag na ng kanilang suporta sa aming pakikipaglaban para sa karapatan ng lalawigan na pumili ng aming Provincial Director, matapos ipagwalang-bahala ng kinauukulan ang mga naunang resolusyon ng aming Sangguniang Panlalawigan at LMP-Bulacan Chapter.

Dahil sa mga bagay na ito, kami na mga namumuno at naninirahan sa Lalawigan ng Bulacan, ay nagkaisang lumiham sa inyo, upang hilingin ang inyong pamamagitan na maialis sa Bulacan si PS/Supt Dolina at mapalitan ng isang karapat-dapat at epektibong Provincial Director, na dumaan sa prosesong itinakda ng batas at nakatitiyak na makakatuwang ng Lalawigan sa mga gawaing pang-kapayapaan at pang-kaayusan.

Nagtitiwala po kami, Mahal na Pangulo, na hindi ninyo ipagkakait ang inyong katugunan sa kahilingang ito, sapagkat batid po namin na kasama namin kayo sa hangarin at adhikain ng mas mapayapa at mas malakas na Republika. Isang matatag na Republikang nagtataguyod sa mga umiiral na batas at nagpapahalaga sa kakayahan at kapangyarihan ng mga lokal na pamahalaan.

Katibayan po ng pagtitiwalang ito ay ang aming lagda bilang pagpapahayag ng lubos na pakikiisa at buong-pusong pagsuporta sa ipinaglalabang karapatan at kapayapaan ng mga Bagong Bulakenyo.

Maraming salamat po, Pangulong Arroyo. Mabuhay po kayo!

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To commemorate the first anniversary of Supertyphoon "Milenyo" on Thursday, a cross was installed inside the Aquinas University campus in Legazpi City where Mass was celebrated in honor of those who died in Milenyo and another supertyphoon, "Reming."

BAGUIO CITY—THREE UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING A Baguio institution, have been appointed to a technical working group tasked with pursuing President Macapagal-Arroyo's information technology agenda for education.

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Gunmen burn 5 houses in N. Cotabato

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News

Curtain rises on new Met

By Jerome Aning

TEN YEARS AFTER THE CURTAIN FELL ON THE landmark Metropolitan Theater in Manila, the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) said yesterday it was eyeing the partial opening of the theater to some functions before the year ends.

In a phone interview, NCCA executive director and presidential adviser on culture Cecile Guidote-Alvarez said the agency would push for the completion of rehabilitation work on one of the theater's wings so it could begin hosting events such as art workshops and small presentations.

Architect Richard Bautista of the NCCA's heritage and monuments sites office, said production outfits can now use the Met's stage and hall for television shows, small stage shows and location shootings—although they must provide for their own air-conditioning systems as well as chairs.

Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim had earlier sought a speedier rehabilitation of the Art Deco landmark—fondly called "the Met"—saying the museum needed a venue for the arts and shows. The Cultural Center of the Philippines, he said, is known to cater mainly to the upper class.

Rehabilitation work began in 2004 in a collaborative effort of NCCA, Manila City Hall and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), which owns the land. President Macapagal-Arroyo gave the project P50 million. The work, however, has proceeded slowly, reportedly because of miscommunication between City Hall and the restoration experts.

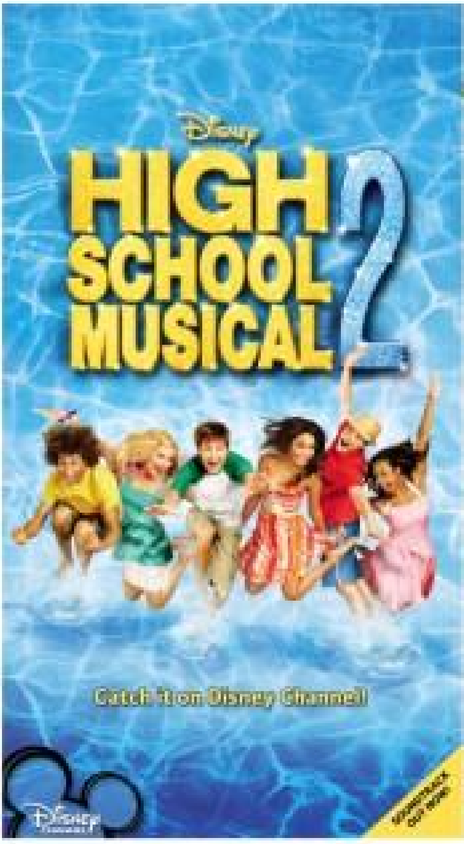
Alvarez said NCCA was confident Lim would respect the need to preserve the integrity and heritage value of the Met. "We have a very good working relationship with Mayor Lim. This augurs well for the cultural life of the city and the country."

Bautista, NCCA's point man in the restoration, said they had spent P10 million to repair the leaking roof and fix the stage. The other P40 million was spent in completing the repairs on the stage as well as part of the lobby. The electric, sanitation, plumbing, fire and other mechanical systems have been restored, he said.

Alvarez said the remaining P10 million would be given to City Hall to oversee the remaining rehab work.

Alvarez said "much, much more money" would be needed to restore the Met to its old glory.

The Art Deco building, designed in 1931 by architect Juan Arellano, was badly damaged during World War II. It was rebuilt in 1978 by former first lady Imelda Marcos but its condition deteriorated in the '90s. The Met closed down in 1996 amid a dispute between City Hall and GSIS over its ownership and management. The differences were settled in 2004.





Aplus METRO

Editor: [illegible]





MEMBERS of the Firefly Brigade take to the streets to promote the use of bicycles. [illegible] the light from street lamps and vehicles illuminates the path of the "fireflies."

Rain fails to dampen bikers' mood on World Car-Free Day

By [illegible]

A LITTLE RAIN WON'T STOP US.

With this battle cry, some 30 members of the Firefly Brigade—a group of [illegible] pushing for bicycles as the primary mode of transportation to clean up the air—commemorated World Car-Free Day in Quezon City on Sept. 22 despite a light downpour.

World Car-Free Day is an annual environmental event organized in the 1970s amid the oil crisis. Every Sept. 22, people all over the world organize events that show what life would be like without motorized vehicles.

[illegible], a professor of the Ateneo de Manila University who is a member of the brigade, said the bikers want to show to everyone that riding a bike is a very good way of going around the city.

So despite the rainy weather which lasted the entire day and the curious stares they got from motorists on [illegible], the "fireflies" went on a 25-km bikathon which took them around the metropolis.

From the Bike City shop in [illegible], the brigade members cruised on [illegible] Street, Edsa, [illegible] Street, [illegible] Avenue, N. Domingo Street, [illegible] Street, E. Rodriguez Avenue, Tomas Morato Avenue, E. Lopez Street, Quezon Avenue, [illegible] Avenue, Agham Road, [illegible] Avenue, [illegible] Road, Kalayaan Avenue and [illegible] Street.

Unlike the group's annual "Tour of the Fireflies," the riders did not have police escorts this time.

"We move with the traffic and stay on the right side of the road. This is not like the Tour of the Fireflies where we had escorts. We are going to ride like ordinary cyclists," [illegible] said.

The World Car-Free Day bikathon covers only half of the [illegible] Fireflies tour.

According to [illegible], only experienced bicycle riders were allowed to join because of the lack of escorts and the inclement weather.

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BIKE power against fuel-powered vehicles.

SANCTUARY FOR 9 HOURS

Temporary home provides shelter, sense of family to street children

By DJ Yap

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STREET CHILDREN learn about the 3Rs, among other things, at the Open Day Center in Quiapo, Manila.

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THE CENTER, run by the Virlanie Foundation, is open only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



THE FACILITY'S temporary residents crowd around a television set.

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Lim eyes ecozone in South Harbor

By Tina G. Santos

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Rain fails to dampen bikers' mood …

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WOMEN POWER.

Fil-Am hip-hop deejay is an activist

WHEN SHE FLEW TO MANILA IN EARLY August, Fil-Am Candice Custodio-Tan hardly drew any attention from the celebrity-crazy press.

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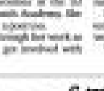
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Demand for ethanol could hurt food aid

By Celia W Dugger

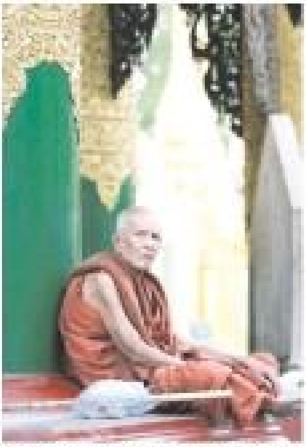


Mexico ex-president investigated for financial abuse



The WORLD

Despair as junta strangles protests



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RANGOON—RESIDENTS WORRIED THAT PRO-democracy protests could be weakening after soldiers and police in Burma (also known as Myanmar) took control of the streets, firing tear gas and warning shots to scatter demonstrators who ventured out and sealing off Buddhist monasteries.

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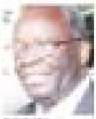
MEMBERS of Burma's ruling military junta during Armed Forces Day celebrations, in this March 27 photo in the new capital of Naypyidaw. —AP

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UN envoy flies into maelstrom

RANGOON—UNITED NATIONS ENVOY Ibrahim Gambari flew to Burma on Saturday [illegible]



GAMBARI

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Reuters

West vows to get tough—but how?

By Darren Schuettler

RANGOON—OUTRAGED AT THE BLOODY crackdown against protesters in army-ruled Burma, the West is again vowing to get tough with its recalcitrant generals.

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■ Internationals strike back /A20

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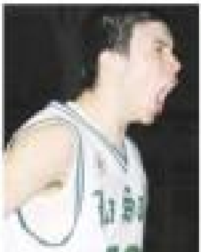
It all boils down to this

Eagles, Archers go at it a final time today

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE COUNTRY'S GREATEST collegiate rivals take the court one last time in the UAAP basketball tournament this season.

La Salle, Ateneo split UAAP juniors, women trophies



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PBA Legends show talent beyond the basketball court





Pacquiao unveils 'bomb'

Will neutralize Barrera counter with 'liver breaker'



Alora blows Olympic qualifier

MBT Corporate Cup fires off

Don't worry, Pacman tells 'cancelled' boxers

Nat'l boxing open under way today



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Internationals strike back





World Cup debut awaits Rosales, Lascuña

McLaren aces qualify 1-2; F1 club airs Japanese GP



Boston Red Sox claim AL East title

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Two bets top LGBA derby

Chinese face Bata, Django; US, Taiwan bets crash out

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Beth Celis

Laylo gains World Cup slot

Ends up tied for 6th-8th; Antonio misses berth

By Roy Luarca



CHINA'S GM Zhang Pengxiang (right) tops Sixth Asian Championships.

Buncio ends Jao's superbike dynasty



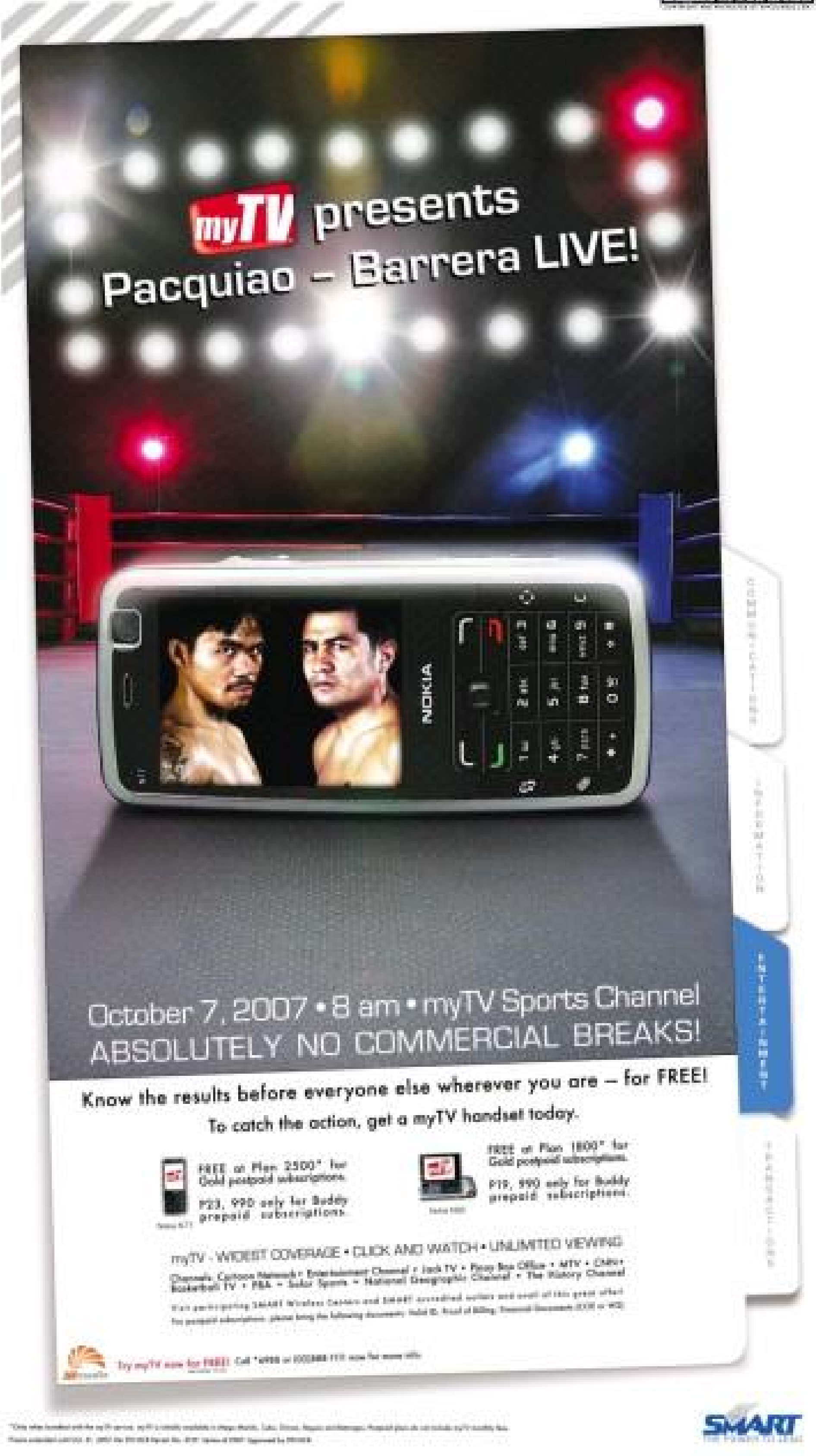
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Mother, mother, I am sick, get me to a mall very quick

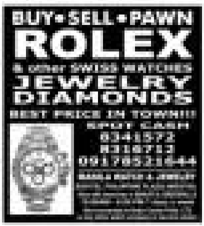
A new idea takes dread out of a hospital visit



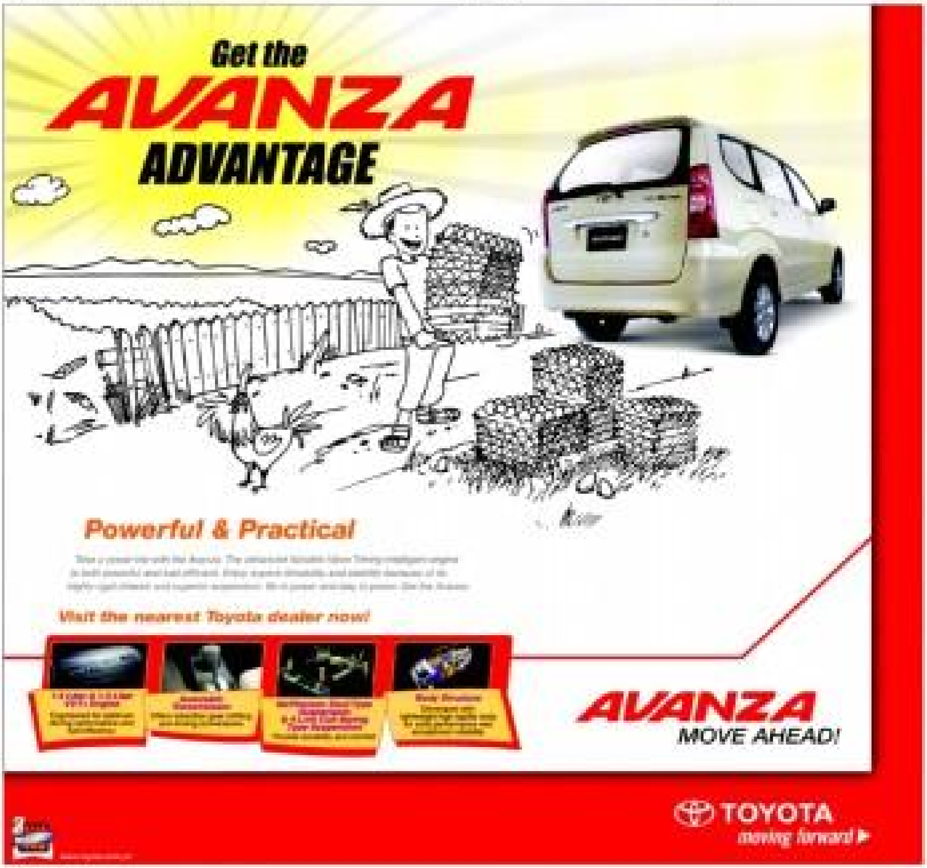

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Office culture on walls



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Sunday LifeStyle



Chic ahoy

Journey back to the '70s in the 2008 Louis Vuitton Cruise Collection; estimated time of arrival in the stores is November 2007



Chic ahoy

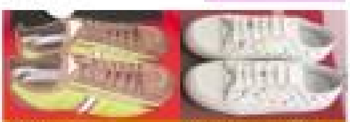


A VERY CHIC WAY TO TRAVEL—that was Marc Jacobs' first idea about Louis Vuitton. Today, some 10 years since he flew to Paris from New York to take over as LV's artistic director, Jacobs continues to steer that idea into what the fashion industry refers to as the "resort collection," inspiring LV loyalists to chalk up more frequent-flyer miles in style.






















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BACK VIEW Metos Liba Lopez (nee Rey) walks down the aisle in her Eddie Baddeo



WHEN METOS Liba Rey and her team from United Laboratories (Unilab) held a product launch in 2003, they wore gowns designed by Eddie Baddeo.

Baddeo's classic touch, attention to detail and passion for perfection impressed Rey.

As can be expected from a product manager, Rey did a comparative evaluation of suppliers for her wedding requirements—florist, events management, invitation and videographer.

But for her wedding gown she had only one person in mind: Baddeo.

So she showed up at Baddeo's West Avenue, QC shop a month after her engagement to Steve Lopez, with a scrapbook of photographs of what she wanted for invitation, bouquet and design for the entourage's attire, among others.

The designer noted Rey knew exactly what she wanted for her wedding, down to the wedding gown.

Baddeo designed a princess-cut gown with a two-layer bouffant skirt. The upper layer was made of off-white duchess satin while the underskirt, exposed at the back, was made of French lace with intricately woven embossed flowers and metallic thread that accentuated the simple upper layer of the skirt.

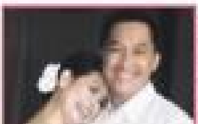
He said he also personally worked with her makeup artist and bouquet arranger to make sure a single look was achieved.

Heidi [illegible] gave Rey an airbrushed daily look that is very simple and truly natural.

Nathan de Leon prepared a cascading rose bouquet to complement Metos' bouffant skirt.

"Metos was simple yet elegant on her wedding day—just the way she wanted," Baddeo said.

Metos Liba Rey and Steve Lopez were wed at the San Carlos Cathedral in [illegible]. Reception that followed at the cathedral garden.



NEWLYWEDS Steve and Metos Lopez. The groom is in a piña barong Tagalog by Eddie Baddeo.



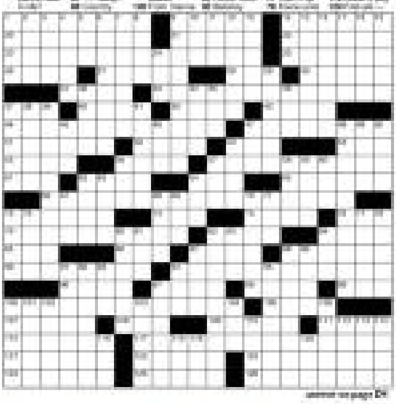
THE BRIDE in her dream wedding gown.





SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo — SILVER-HEADED



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PURELI PERSONAL
Josephine Darang

La Naval papal coronation to be reenacted Oct. 4



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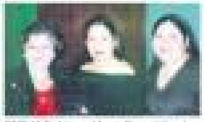




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A gathering of amigos y amigas





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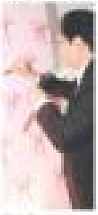


EMILY'S POST
Emily Marcelo

Is a 75th birthday celebration a waste of money?



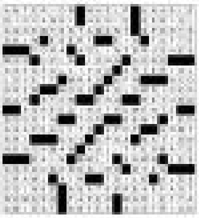






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RETURN TO SAGADA
Healed a second time

By John L. Silva
Contributor

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Eager teachers

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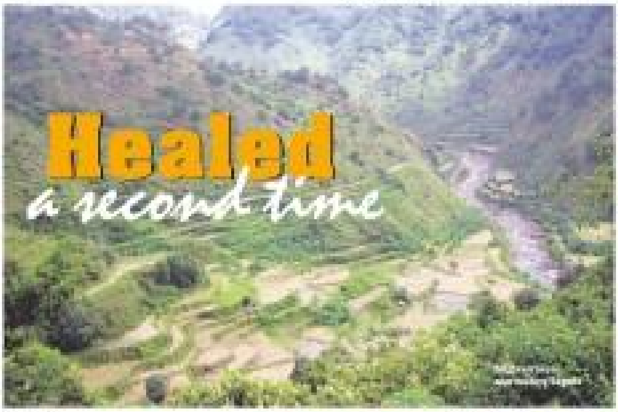
MINDSCAPE E3



OLD yours and Ifugao schoolgirls



Healed a second time





THE TOWN on the way to Sagada



ST. JOSEPH Cafe, formerly an orphanage



ST. MARY'S School, Sagada



PUBLIC-SCHOOL teachers warm up before the workshop

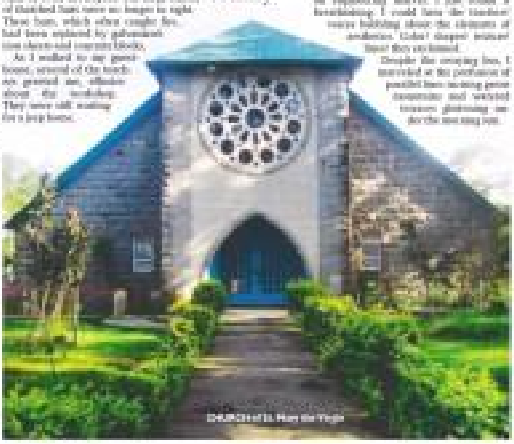
Close to nature

First Sagada visit

A small school in Sagada shows there's still hope for education in the country

Back to Baguio

Fate of Cordillera



CHURCH of St. Mary the Virgin



INTERIOR of Church of St. Mary the Virgin



SAGADA circa 1915. Church of St. Mary (center)



SAGADA mountain range





Foreign education but in the Asean neighborhood



PAULINE de Leon and Jerrol Leyble, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts



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The advantages of dying

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

When word spreads that you've been snatched from the jaws of death, people you've not seen in a long, long time pop up

Of lepers and martyrs

Ballroomers' visit

Fashion visit









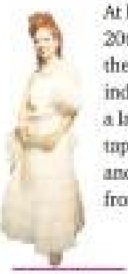
Glitz, glam and giving back

At PMAP's 20th anniversary bash, the pillars of the fashion industry put up a lavish show that tapped into the pride and energy emanating from the models









TESSA!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes







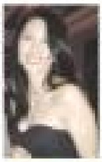




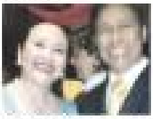
















ROOTS AND WINGS
Cathy Babao-Guballa

Finding bliss in a home biz





TRANSITION Tubes

Admirable passion

Chic, functional cover-up

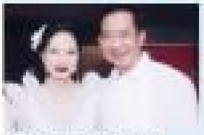
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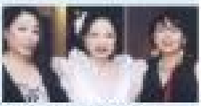
Long-lost friends









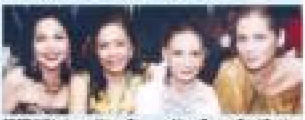


New Pitoy Moreno scholars















The good life in one convenient package















Sweet treat from a sweet 16





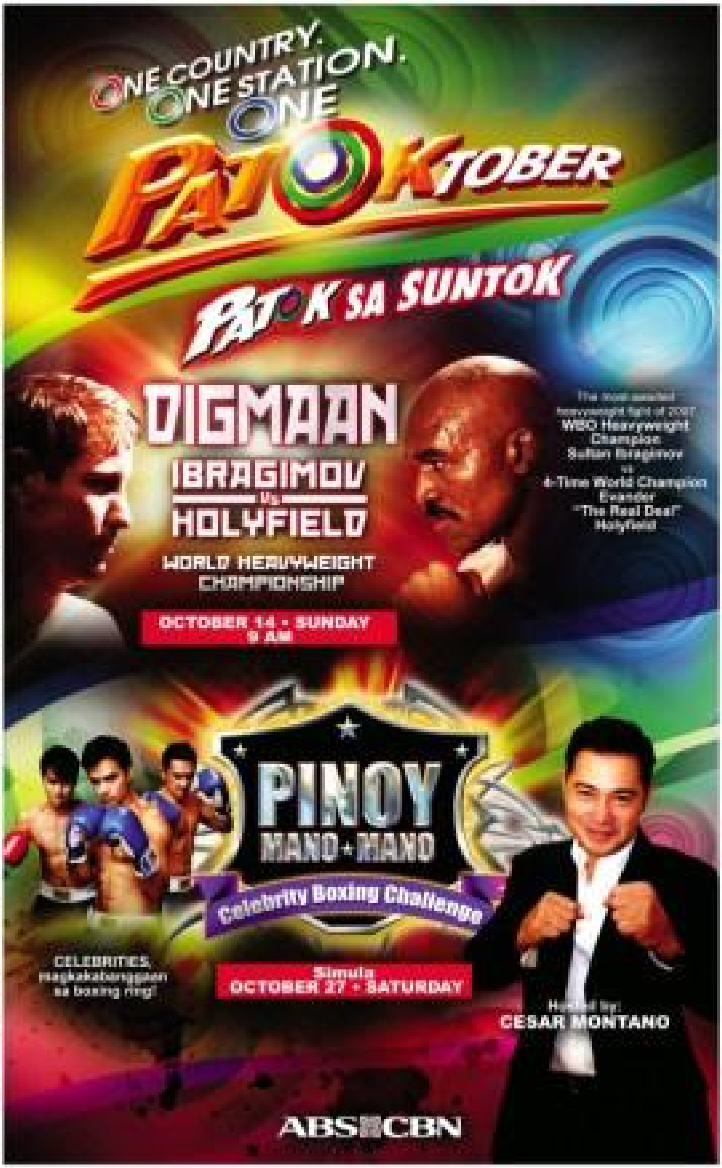
Entertainment



'I've been humbled, but I'm okay now'

SNOOKY SERNA SITS DOWN with Inquirer Entertainment and tells the story of her life today, her hardships and how she got through them with a newfound self-awareness and faith.

Take Five




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Starring
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Pinoy Big Brother
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Sino-sino'ng sikat sa iba't ibang larangan, ang magiging ordinaryong tao sa Bahay ni Kuya?
Grand Opening Night
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9:30 PM
Ang mabangis at makulit na superhero mo, magbabalik na!
SUPER INGGO 1.5
ANG BAGONG BANGIS
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Love Spell PRESENTS Cindyrella
Mai-in love ka sa tambalan nina Kim Chiu at Gerald Anderson!
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3:15 PM
Spring Waltz
Ang pinakakilig na Koreanovela ng taon, mapapanood mo na!
OCTOBER 22 • MONDAY
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Sino ang tunay na Prinsesa?
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Top stars, new movies out to surprise viewers

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre



Making up in the name of politics



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Top of the tabloids

'I've been humbled, but I'm okay now'





CHARLIZE Theron poses during the after-screening party for "In the Valley of Elah" at the Venice Film Festival. With her are director Paul Haggis (center) and Spike Lee.

Beauty as a 'burden'

LOS ANGELES—Some people will find it hard to sympathize with Charlize Theron's "burden." To paraphrase that woman in a US TV commercial, don't hate her because she's beautiful.

But it must be exasperating for Charlize to field questions about her beauty—queries that come in many guises—for the thousandth time. Don't get us wrong. The actress, who plays a detective in Paul Haggis' "In the Valley of Elah," is an open, humorous interviewee.

But toward the end of a recent press con in LA, in response to one more such question from a reporter, she said, "There really is just no way around this, is there? Okay, imagine if I played that part looking like this as we sit here right now. Do you know what you'd be asking me? 'Why did you play a detective wearing high heels and looking beautiful?'"

[illegible], Charlize—the world's most beautiful detective in black top and [illegible]—explained, laughing, "I was working yesterday and I'm wearing a sweater because I'm so bloated." The [illegible] was for "Hancock," which she is shooting with Will Smith. "We did some action stuff... [illegible]," she quipped.

Back to "In the Valley of Elah," which we saw in Venice. Charlize arrived at the Palazzo del Cinema in an elaborate gown, then changed into a simpler one for the after-party. The audience rose and broke into a long ovation for Charlize and Paul. The film got its name from the place where David slew Goliath. There is a [illegible] somewhere in the story of an Iraq war veteran who disappears after returning home to the US. There's solid work from Tommy Lee Jones and Susan Sarandon as the missing vet's parents and Charlize, who keeps getting better since she landed all those awards for "Monster."

Charlize's other current film is "Battle in Seattle," the directing debut of her boyfriend, Stuart Townsend. The title refers to the protests and outbreaks of violence that marred the WTO (World Trade Organization) ministerial conference in 1999.

Talk about your transformation in this movie, from one of the most beautiful actresses into a regular working gal.

We have become so obsessed with celebrity in our society that we have forgotten what real people look like. That's how I look with no make-up and with my natural hair. That's what Stuart wakes up to every morning (laughs). He doesn't think it's ugly. So there's no transformation in this movie. It's stripping down to the basics and being a real person.

Charlize Theron recalls a 'casting couch' experience

Paul and I talked about my look for this movie for maybe 20 minutes only. That's my natural hair in the movie. I met a detective who told me, "You're working maybe 24 hours a day. You're on call. You don't know when you're going to have to run out. You don't have time to put on make-up. You have to wear this same [illegible] jacket, blouse, pants because you may have to go to court or chase a guy down an alley."

Did you experience sexual harassment when you were trying to make it in Hollywood, like your character does as the only female detective in the precinct?

Good God, look at me. I would kick your ass. I mean, seriously (laughs). I've only had one situation in my life. It was my first audition, before I had an agent. I was auditioning for a [illegible] kind of role. They sent me the information that the audition would

BEAUTY/B1

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales



Beauty as a 'burden'

'I went to audition and this director opened the door—in his pajamas'



AT THE CINEMAS

Cinema	No.	Film
GLORIETTA 1	1	NO RESERVATIONS
	2	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION
	3	ROGUE ASSASSIN
	4	I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
GLORIETTA 4	1	I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY
	2	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION
	3	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION
	4	JOSHUA
	5	UNDERDOG
	6	NO RESERVATIONS
	7	I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
GREENBELT 1	1	I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
	2	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION
GREENBELT 3	1	NO RESERVATIONS
	2	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION
	3	JOSHUA
	4	UNDERDOG / SHOOT 'EM UP
	5	I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION
	2	NO RESERVATIONS
	3	I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
	4	ROGUE ASSASSIN
	5	I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION
	2	I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
	3	I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY
	4	THE BRAVE ONE
MARKET! MARKET!	1	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION
	2	NO RESERVATIONS
	3	ROGUE ASSASSIN
	4	I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
	5	I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY
TRINOMA	1	I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU
	2	ROGUE ASSASSIN
	3	I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY
	4	NO RESERVATIONS
	5	SHOOT 'EM UP
	6	UNDERDOG / THE BRAVE ONE
	7	RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION

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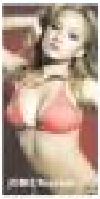
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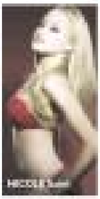
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'LIGAW LIHAM'

Waiting for a response

By Jayson Brioneda

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Coming-of-age story

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Versatile actor

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